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It appears that the copy of the Japanese reference JP-604050 was inadvertently not included with the last action that was mailed to Appellant. It has been included with this action.

The reply brief filed March 26, 2004 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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